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### TO THE BITTER END.

Russians Will Pursue the War Notwithstanding Losses.

"Russia will pursue the war in the far east to the bitter end—that is, until Russia has conquered."

These words are the keynote of an emphatic statement made by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador to a Washington (D. C.) Star reporter. Several times recently the ambassador has categorically denied the possibility of any intervention in the war, but the recurrence of rumors that the powers contemplated mediation has caused the ambassador to reiterate on behalf of his government its position regarding intervention or mediation of any kind.

"I deem it my duty," said he, "to reiterate what I have so often said, that Russia will not suspend in any case her military operations in the far east. All rumors and reports regarding the possible success of the direct overtures for peace, which Japan is said to have made to Russia, and regarding the mediation of the powers, are, in my opinion, started for the purpose of convincing the public that the end of the war is close at hand. In this way it is hoped that the public may be led to believe that Japanese loans offer attractive investments."

"Russia can no more admit of interference than Great Britain could in the Transvaal or than could the United States in her war with Spain. Where the prestige of a country is at stake, all other considerations are and must be put aside. Some people may think that financial difficulties will influence Russia to end hostilities. Such an opinion is based on the false assumption of Russia's financial resources. There is no doubt whatever that Russia, whose annual income exceeds one milliard dollars, cannot be influenced in her attitude toward the outcome of the war by the amount of war expenditures. It is not altogether out of the question that Russia, who did not expect war, should in the moment when she has mobilized her army and is sending corps after corps in fighting readiness to the far east, suddenly call a halt on hostilities, particularly after she has for nearly a year, without any difficulty or recourse to extraordinary measures, been able to carry the extra expense?"

"It is not within my scope to comment upon the new Japanese loan. That is an affair for the bankers and for the public who are able to decide what advantages or disadvantages the investment offers. But there can be no necessity for commenting upon Russia's credit. Any one acquainted with the Paris exchange is able to convince himself of the solidity of Russia's finances."

### Warns Negro Countrymen.

In an address to negro citizens delivered at Birmingham, Ala., Booker Washington said:

"Not a few have predicted that on account of the recent election many members of our race lose their heads; would become unduly pompous, self assertive and generally offensive. With all the earnestness that I can command, I want to urge our people in every part of the country to disappoint those who have made such predictions by leading a life of increased usefulness, soberness and simplicity, remembering, as I have often exhorted before, that in the long run it is to the certain and fundamental ideas of growth in property, intelligence and high Christian character, together with the cultivation of friendly relations with our neighbors of all races, that we must look for our ultimate success."

"The masses of our people are to dwell for all time here in the south, and here it is that our destiny must be worked out, and we can only succeed when we have the confidence and co-operation of those about us."

### For Rent.

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### A Glimpse of Sofia.

In his book on "Cities" Arthur Symonds writes of the capital of Bulgaria: "There is something dry, hot and fierce in Sofia which is at once ordinary, sordid and almost startling. The houses are for the most part such houses as one might see in any small town in any country, but at a corner on the main street there is a mosque and around the mosque something like a village fair. Wooden booths are set up at each side of the street, wooden pailings surround empty spaces or open upon cafes in which trees grow or upon one story houses or upon a little wooden theater. Money changers, with their glass cases of gold and silver coins and coin earrings and rings outside their shop windows, suggest already the sarafs of Constantinople. At upper windows above the shops you see men working sewing machines; at the edges of the pavement little dark bootblacks, Kurds, sit with their wooden blocks before them. Men pass selling water, grapes and nuts. A woman passes and then another, carrying a huge dark green melon in her arms solemnly, like a royal orb."

### The Whisper Court.

At Rochford, Essex, England, the whisper court is a strange observance held annually under the superintendence of the steward of the manor. The business of the court is carried out at midnight in the open air. The absence of a tenant is punishable by a fine of double his rent for each hour he fails to be in attendance. No artificial light, except a firebrand, is permitted, and the proceedings are recorded by means of one of the embers of the brand. The roll of fourteen tenants is then called over and answered to in a whisper, and then they kneel down and swear allegiance. Very many years ago the lord of the manor, after an absence from his estate, was returning home by night. On the way he accidentally heard some of his discontented tenants plotting his assassination. Thus warned, he returned home by an unexpected route. Then he ordered that each year his tenants should assemble at the same time to do him homage around a post which he erected on the spot where the plotters met.

### Salad of the Shoes.

Freshmen have troubles the world over. The "conscripts," as they are called at the famous Ecole Polytechnique in Paris, are subjected to an amusing initiation called the salad of shoes.

The freshmen report some days before the upper class men so that they can receive their uniforms and become familiar with the routine of the school. The first morning after their tormentors return the freshmen are aroused by a demand that they throw their shoes out of the windows into the courtyard. The shoes are gathered into a heap, and, kneeling in a big circle around this, the freshmen are obliged to go through some ridiculous gymnastic movements at the command of their superiors.

When the study bell rings they have but a minute to appear in the classrooms, and it is a strenuous minute around that pile of shoes.

### Realistic.

Actors frequently receive unexpected proof of the realism of their art. This story, which is reported from a Chicago theater, is like the story of the artist who painted a fire so vividly that his servant threw water on it.

"Hamlet" was the play. In the gallery two small newsboys were watching with breathless interest. The last act was drawing to a close. The duel almost dragged the boys from their chairs.

Before their eyes the queen was poisoned, Laertes killed, the king killed, Hamlet killed. On the final tragedy the curtain started down. The audience was spellbound.

In the gallery sounded a clatter and crash as one of the boys bolted for the door.

"Come on, Jimmy!" he shouted back to his "pal." "Hustle up! Dey'll be extras out on dis."

To him the acting had been at least as real as news.—Youth's Companion.

### A Fable on Gratitude.

The snake was trying to shed his skin.

"Help me off with this, will you?" he said to a frog that happened to be passing.

The frog kindly complied with the request, and presently the discarded skin lay stretched along the ground.

"Now," observed the frog, "I suppose you will do with that as I do with my castoff garments—eat it."

"No," said the snake. "There is something better in sight."

Thereupon he ate the frog. The moral of this, my dears, is that there is more than one kind of skin game, and some kinds are meaner than others.—Chicago Tribune.

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